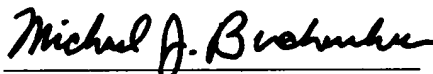


### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-6, 11-18, and 20-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-6, 11-18, and 20-26 have been rejected. In the Office Action of Aug. 16, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6, 11-18, and 20-26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-48 of U.S. Patent 6,757,891. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. A terminal disclaimer would obviate this rejection. The Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent 6,757,891 – to obviate the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection above. For the foregoing reason, Applicant has respectfully traversed the Examiner's rejection.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, allowance of the pending claims, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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